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"Development of processed products based on Spota" (F.No.27-8/91-Hort.I)	Agril. College of Forestry and Horticulture, GAU, Navasari (Gujarat)	Rs. 8,05,800	4 years (1.4.94 to 31.3.97)	7,62,566/-
"To develop strategies for the pest management in Amla, Embica Officinalis". (F.No.16--18/94--Hort.I)	Dppt. of Entomology, B.A College of April. GAU, Anand (Gujarat)	Rs.2,28,200	3 years (1.2.93 to 31.1.96)	44,200/-
VEGETABLES				
"Development of high yielding true Potato Seed (TPS) hybrids for maximisation of yield in Gujarat" (F. No. 8-12/94-Hort. II)	Potato Research Station. GAU, Deesa (Gujarat)	Rs. 7,98,820	4 years (18.11.95 to 7.11.99)	3,36,355/-
"ICAR Research Network Project on promotion of Hybrid Research in Vegetable Crops". (F.No. 15- /95- Hort.II)	GAU Campus, Anand (Gujarat)	Rs. 12,32,600	3 years (1.10.95 to 31.3.98)	9,42,800/-

North Eastern Council*[Translation]*

2211. SHRI BADAL CHOUDHURY :
SHRI CHITTA BASU :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have a plan to reconstitute the North Eastern Council;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there was a Conference of the Prime Minister with the State Chief Ministers of the NEC States recently ; and

(d) if so, the outcome of the Conference?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Prime Minister had held a meeting with Chief Ministers of all the 7 North Eastern States on 20th and 21st June, 1997. It was decided in the meeting to Planning Commission as Chairman and the Chief Ministers of the restructure the North Eastern Council with the Deputy Chairman, 7 North Eastern States as Members. The NEC would also have powers to sanction schemes once approved by the Council within its approved Budget Subject to such conditions as may be laid down by the Central Government.

The scope of the schemes of the North Eastern Council will include major schemes of Inter-State benefit located in individual states in addition to schemes of inter-state character. The NEC would shed its role of reviewing security related matters.

Foreign Assistance to Voluntary Organisations

2212. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have sought information from the State Governments regarding obtaining of foreign assistance by the voluntary organisations ;

(b) if so, the names of the States which have sent this information ;

(c) the names of the States which have not sent this information ; and

(d) the time by which the States have been asked to furnish this information ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (d) Section 6 of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 provides, inter alia, that no association having a definite cultural, economic, educational, religious or social programme shall accept foreign contribution unless such association registers itself with the Central Government in accordance with the rules made under the Act. The Act further provides that every such association may, if it is not registered with the Central Government, accept any foreign contribution only after obtaining the prior permission of the Central Government. The associations so registered or permitted by the Central Government to accept foreign contribution are required to submit annual accounts in the prescribed form giving details